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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it established the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling also its resolutions 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 56/193 of 21 December 2001 and 57/251 of 20 December 2002 on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the principal body within the United Nations system in the field of environment, which should take into account, within its mandate, the sustainable development needs of developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition,

Recalling the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,[1] which emphasized the need for enhancing the provisions on support for capacity-building in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as well as the provisions on technical and technological support,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session;[2]

2. *Emphasizes* the need for the United Nations Environment Programme, within its mandate, to strengthen its contribution to sustainable development

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/58/25).

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programmes, the implementation of Agenda 21[3] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation[1] at all levels, particularly in the area of capacity-building, bearing in mind the mandate of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

3. *Reiterates* the need to ensure that capacity-building and technical assistance to developing countries remain important components of the work of the United Nations Environment Programme, and in this regard emphasizes the need for expeditious implementation of relevant decisions of the Governing Council, Global Ministerial Environment Forum;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to contribute, within its mandate, to the preparations for the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

5. *Further calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to contribute, within its mandate and as a member of the Inter-Agency Task Force, to the preparations for the international meeting to review the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[4] to be held in Mauritius from 30 August to 3 September 2004, including its preparatory process;

6. *Encourages* Member States, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to submit their comments on the important but complex issue of establishing universal membership of the General Council, Global Ministerial Environment Forum, in order to contribute to the report of the Secretary-General to be submitted to the General Assembly before its sixtieth session, in accordance with resolution 57/251;

7. *Invites* the Governing Council, Global Ministerial Environment Forum to regularly review the consistency of its agenda with the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as its manageability, aiming at, inter alia, enhancing transparency and the effective participation of member States in its sessions;

8. *Requests* that the reports on the work of the Environmental Management Group be made available to the General Assembly at its next session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

9. *Reiterates* the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and in accordance with resolution 2997 (XXVII) underlines the need to consider adequate reflection of all administrative and management costs of the programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that modern conference management and documentation services, systems and technology are made available to the United Nations Office at Nairobi, in order to permit the delivery, in

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[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

[4] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution I, annex II.

an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi.